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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO GDR

1. ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO GDR NOVEMBER 13-17. HE HELD TALKS WITH WINZER, HONECKER AND SINDERMAN. JUDGING BY COMMUNIQUE, LOW-KEY PRESS COVERAGE, AND PROPORTION OF TIME ALLOCATED FOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES, NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS EMERGED OR, FOR THAT MATTER, HAD BEEN EXPECTED FROM VISIT; ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES EVIDENTLY WISH MAINTAIN A MODICUM OF "FRATERNAL" RELATIONS.

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2. REVEALING STRONG ROMANIAN DRAFTING HAND, COMMUNIQUE

EMPHASIZES BILATERAL RATHER THAN SOCIALIST COMMUNITY CONTEXT OF GDR-ROMANIAN RELATIONS, AND MENTIONS WARSAW PACT, CEMA AND USSR ONLY IN PASSING. EVEN IN BILATERAL AREA, HOWEVER, COMMUNIQUE RELATIVELY BLAND, WHILE BOTH SIDES SAID TO BE DESIROUS OF FURTHER EXPANDING WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION IN ACCORDANCE 1972 FRIENDSHIP TREATY, SOLE SPECIFIC AGREEMENT TO THAT END IS TO CONTINUE AND PROMOTE CONSULTATIONS AND EXCHANGES OF VIEWS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES AT VARIOUS LEVELS; WITH WINZER ACCEPTING IN PRINCIPLE INVITATION FOR RETURN VISIT.

3. ROMANIANS APPARENTLY ALSO STOOD FIRM ON THEIR POSITIONS CONCERNING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. ON CSCE, ROMANIANS MANAGED INCLUDE IN COMMUNIQUE THEIR FAVORITE POINT RE FULL EQUALITY OF PARTICIPANTS WHILE LIMITING REST OF PARAGRAPH TO GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CSCE PURPOSES AND NEED FOR PROMPT CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE. GDR, ON OTHER HAND, HAD TO CONTEND ITSELF WITH FORMULATIONS ON VIETNAM, CHILE AND MIDDLE EAST DEVOID OF REFERENCES TO "IMPERIALISTS", "MILITARISTS", OR "AGGRESSOR". AS REGARDS ME, ALTHOUGH MACOVESCU IN TOAST STRESSED NEED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ISRAELI TROOPS FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, ROMANIANS PROTECTED THEIR SPECIAL POSITION BY HAVING COMMUNIQUE ONLY EXPRESS SATISFACTION ABOUT CEASE-FIRE AND CALL FOR PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC RESOLUTIONS "WHICH MUST BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION TO ME CONFLICT."

4. GIVEN ROMANIAN STANCE IN VIENNA, ABSENCE IN COMMUNIQUE OF ANY REFERENCE TO MBFR SUBJECT IS CONSPICUOUS BUT NOT SURPRISING. NOTEWORTHY, HOWEVER, IS FACT THAT WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ROMANIAN SENSIBILITIES, COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT GIVE ANYTHING TO GDR IN TERMS OF ROMANIAN SUPPORT FOR GDR VIEWS ON SUCH ISSUES AS GDR-FRG RELATIONS AND BERLIN. THIS IS ALL THE MORE INTERESTING INASMUCH AS SUCH SUPPORT WAS INDICATED IN GDR-ROMANIAN TREATY AND MACOVESCU'S VISIT WAS FIRST SIGNIFICANT GDR-ROMANIAN BILATERAL CONTACT SINCE RATIFICATION OF GRT AND ENTRY INTO FORCE OF QA.KLEIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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